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- FY-1978 PROGRAM FOR EGYPT

REFS: (A) STATE 073694, (B) UNNUMBERED FASTO DATED
- 3/22/78 FOR AGATTACHE FROM OGSM/PL-480/POD

1. WE ARE PLEASED AT PROSPECT OF POSSIBLE INCREASE IN FY-1978 TITLE I PROGRAM FOR EGYPT REPORTED REFTEL (A). HOWEVER, WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER POSSIBILITY THAT TOTAL QUANTITY OF WHEAT/WHEAT FLOUR UNDER FY-1978 PROGRAM MAY ACTUALLY FALL BECAUSE OF PRICE INCREASES, AS COVERED IN REFTEL (B) EVEN IF ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE FORTHCOMING.

2. AS WE UNDERSTAND SITUATION, PRESENT FUNDS ONLY LIKELY TO PURCHASE 900,000 METRIC TONS (MT) WHEAT. UNCERTAIN OF SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO WHEAT FLOUR AND WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED ON THAT. THUS, INCREASE FROM NEW FUNDS NOW BEING SOUGHT MAY ONLY BRING TOTAL QUANTITY OF WHEAT BACK TO ORIGINAL 1.0 MILLION TONS, OR POSSIBLY EVEN LESS, DEPENDING ON
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WHEAT PRICES AND AMOUNT OF NEW FUNDING, IF ANY, ALLOCATED TO EGYPT.

3. WE CONSIDER IT IMPERATIVE THAT TOTAL FY-1978 PROGRAM NOT FALL BELOW ORIGINAL PROGRAMMED LEVEL OF 1.5 MILLION MT WHEAT/WHEAT FLOUR (GRAIN EQUIVALENT BASIS), AND ATTACH ALMOST AS MUCH IMPORTANCE TO SOME

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INCREASE, EVEN A TOKEN ONE, ABOVE THAT LEVEL. MINISTRY OF SUPPLY HAS REPEATEDLY REQUESTED INCREASE IN FY-1978 PROGRAM TO 2.0 MILLION MT. IF PROGRAM SHOULD ACTUALLY FALL BELOW ORIGINAL LEVEL, THEY WILL FACE SERIOUS PROBLEM IN SUPPLYING WHEAT NEEDED FOR BASIC FOODSTUFF OF URBAN POPULATION AND WILL FEEL WE HAVE LET THEM DOWN, EVEN IF SUCH ATTITUDE NOT JUSTIFIED.

4. WE REALIZE THAT AVAILABLE FUNDS, INCLUDING INCREASE NOW BEING REQUESTED, CAN ONLY BE STRETCHED SO FAR BUT REITERATE OUR STRONG BELIEF ON IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING FY-1978 PROGRAM AT NOT LESS THAN 1.5 MILLION MT, AND HOPEFULLY AT LEAST 1.6 MILLION MT OR MORE. EILTS

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